



Annex VI

Summary results of the Fund for Gender Equality and the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women

UN Women provides grants to support innovative, high-impact programmes by government, civil society and the UN system through two funds—the [Fund for Gender Equality](#) and the [UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women](#). Activities funded by both funds also contribute to the implementation of UN Women’s strategic plan. In particular, the Fund for Gender Equality contributes to achieving results under impact area 1 “women lead and participate in decision making at all levels” and impact area 2 “women, especially the poorest and most excluded, are economically empowered and benefit from development”. The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women contributes to achieving results under impact area 3 “women and girls live a life free from violence”. This annex summarizes results achieved by both trust funds in 2015.

The Fund for Gender Equality

About the Fund

The Fund for Gender Equality is UN Women’s global grant-making mechanism and multi-donor Fund dedicated to supporting civil society to play a key role in implementing the SDGs through the economic and political empowerment of women. It finances high-impact initiatives from women-led organizations demonstrating concrete results for most marginalized women and girls. The Fund also provides continuous technical assistance to grantees for stronger and more efficient programing.

Key Results in 2015

Following a rigorous selection process where 1,400 applications were received, the Fund awarded \$7.3 million in grants in 2015 to 24 women-led civil society organizations. The Fund’s portfolio includes a total of 120 programmes worth \$64 million and a geographical reach to 80 countries, with initiatives being implemented for the first time in Albania, Armenia, Benin, Haiti, Honduras, Mali, Samoa and Turkey. The 24 new grantees will reach more than 325,000 direct beneficiaries, 45 percent of whom are in low-income countries and 53 percent in fragile states.

The Fund spent \$17.6 million in the 67 active programmes between 2014 and 2015. Thanks to the Fund’s support, nearly 3,000 women gained leadership positions in institutions that affect their lives, 660 women were elected into national and local government positions, more than 23,000 women have seen their

incomes increase, more than 9,000 women now own and control property and productive assets, and more than 8,000 women have accessed credit to support their businesses¹.

Examples of key results achieved by supported programmes include: the enactment of a Law regulating domestic workers employment conditions in Chile as a result of sustained advocacy; 3,000 Dalit women in India stopping manual scavenging and 89 percent of them subsequently benefiting from social policies and increasing their income by 212 percent; a six-fold increase in the number of elected women in target counties in Kenya (from 32 to 192 representatives) thanks to community mobilization and the engagement of male champions; and the inclusion in the 2014 Egyptian Constitution of two articles supporting women's political participation and securing 13,000 local council seats for women for the next elections.

Evaluation of results

In 2015, the Fund conducted an unprecedented meta-evaluation and meta-analysis of existing grantee programme evaluations. The systematic review of 22 evaluations of the Fund produced between 2011-2015 that were rated as 'satisfactory' or above has generated evidence-based information and insights about what works in regards to women's political and economic empowerment and the processes and approach of the Fund. The report acknowledges the Fund's demand-driven approach, flexibility, investment on sound programme design and monitoring and evaluation as well as on-the-ground capacity and partnership-building by grantee organizations, as key factors for programme effectiveness and sustainability. It recognises that civil society organizations supported by the Fund are well placed to contribute to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Fund for Gender Equality implemented a knowledge initiative to explore women's economic empowerment in fragile settings building on the experience of four programmes in Guinea, Lebanon and Sudan, a survey with over 1,200 rural, displaced and refugee women and an original analytical framework. Research briefs, high-impact videos and quality photographs constitute the core of this initiative that captures women's perceptions of local economic barriers and opportunities; shares good practices for strengthening resilience; and offers recommendations to improve programming. The burden of women's unpaid work proved to be a real obstacle to women's economic empowerment in these fragile contexts, representing in average 80 hours a week in household and care chores of interviewed women, concretely limiting their ability to pursue paid work.

Challenges and looking forward

In the past years, the Fund has seen an increment in the number and nature of its donors - now 22 donors including governments, private sector and UN Women National Committees. Nevertheless, the size of contributions remains low and inconsistent, putting the Fund's sustainability and its impact potential at risk. Total revenue in the past two years was \$ 6.8 million, far below the Fund's target of \$13.5 million for its 2015 Call for Proposals. The Fund requires a full re-capitalization of resources in order to complete the 2017 grant-making cycle and ensure the delivery of its mandate and has redoubled resource mobilization efforts to meet its targets. Looking forward, UN-Women will assess results in the context of its broader financing strategy and look at its increased alignment with UN-Women's decentralized field structure.

¹ These figures correspond to the cumulative aggregated results achieved thanks to the 67 active programmes in 2014-2015 worth US\$ 43 million.

The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women

About the UN Trust Fund

Established by UN General Assembly resolution 50/166 in 1996 and administered by UN Women on behalf of the UN system, the UN Trust Fund works with non-governmental organizations, governments and UN country teams to prevent violence against women and girls; expand the access of women and girl survivors of violence to services; strengthen the implementation of laws, policies and action plans on violence against women and girls. Over the past 20 years, the UN Trust Fund has been at the forefront of pioneering innovative and sustainable projects that prevent violence against women and girls, improve access to critical services for survivors, and advocate for the effective implementation of national laws and policies. The UN Trust Fund has awarded \$116 million to 426 initiatives in 136 countries and territories since its creation.

Key Results in 2015

In 2015, the UN Trust Fund awarded \$12.86 million in 33 grants covering 29 countries and territories. UN Trust Fund programmes benefited at least one million women, girls, men and boys through project activities. In total, 176,461 women and girls were reported as *directly* benefiting from project activities (as of 1 December 2015), including 5,810 survivors of violence, 5,108 Indigenous women and/or women from ethnic minorities, 13,592 female migrant workers and 680 women and girls with disabilities. In addition, UN Trust Fund-supported projects engaged at least 101,333 men and boys, 19,764 education professionals, 6,156 members of community-based organizations and 2,342 uniformed personnel as agents of change. Awareness-raising, social media campaigns, radio and TV shows, theatre and other forms of education-entertainment (edutainment) enabled grantee programmes to strategically reach at least 678,335 people worldwide.

UN Trust Fund grantees work every day to implement the most catalytic and promising projects to prevent and end violence against women and girls. For example, in Kyrgyzstan, the NFCCCK, a Trust Fund grantee is piloting a school-based education programme in three villages which more than 445 boys and 186 adults have completed. An expert team has developed an educational package – Empowering Girls through Education, Art and Media – the first of its kind in the Kyrgyz language. In Zimbabwe, the *Leonard Cheshire Disability Zimbabwe Trust* is implementing a project to provide specialized services in 10 districts for women and girls with disabilities who have experienced violence. The project has reached nearly 500 women and girls with disabilities, provided 93 survivors of violence with practical help and helped train police and court officials in sign language and on the impact of various impairments on reporting gender-based violence.

Other results are reported in the UN Trust Fund's report to the Commission on the Status of Women ([E/CN.6/2016/8](#))

Looking forward

In 2016, the United Nations Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women celebrates its 20th anniversary. The UN Trust Fund enters its third decade backed by a unique body of knowledge and experience of effective strategies to counter violence against women and girls, an ever-

broader base of partners and supporters and an undiminished ambition to increase support for the essential and ground-breaking initiatives taken forward by grantees large and small addressing violence against women and girls in all its forms.
